

**REGULAR MEETING  
LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 2, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Levy County Commissioners was held on June 2, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room of the Levy County Annex Building with the following Commissioners present:

Chairman Matt Brooks  
Comm. John Meeks  
Comm. Rock Meeks  
Comm. Lilly Rooks  
Comm. Mike Joyner

Also present were:

County Attorney – Anne Bast Brown  
County Coordinator – Wilbur Dean

Chairman Brooks called the Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Comm. Joyner gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comm. John Meeks.

**EXPENDITURES**

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve the following expenditures presented for payment. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

<b>CHECK NUMBER</b>	<b>138030-138133</b>
<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
GENERAL REVENUE	1,408,077.73
ROAD	25,441.09
COURT TECH/CRIM PREV	9,995.85
TRANSPORTATION	779.43
911	15,500.92
COURT FACILITIES	114.63
MISC GRANTS	12,005.37
EMS	12,399.36
FIRE	66,009.52
TOURIST DEVELOPMENT	2,113.23
UTILITIES	2,353.29
ADD COURT COSTS	1,998.06
BLDG INSPECT & SAFETY	1,409.43
CAPITAL PROJECTS	29,879.32
ROAD IMPRV & RESTORE	7,272.71
LANDFILL	12,954.15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,608,304.09</b>

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 21, 2020 were presented for Board approval.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 21, 2020 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, MODIFICATIONS**

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the agenda with language added to Emergency Order 2020-064 to include fraternal organizations, social clubs and country clubs. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clyde McGarva spoke to the Board requesting the Board allow the opening of VFW organizations. Comm. Brooks responded the item Comm. John Meeks added to the agenda item concerning Emergency Order 2020-064 will address this topic.

Melissa Johnson, Morriston residents spoke to the Board requesting the impact fee be waived for her daughter Norma to move a mobile home onto her property. Comm. Brooks and Atty. Brown responded there is a process for the applicant to file an application for waiving this fee and it can be filed with Wilbur Dean at the Board office.

A public comment form was submitted by Williston resident, Joseph Sparrow on May 28<sup>th</sup> requesting the Road Department cease maintenance on a section of unpaved road in front of his residence due to the dust. Mr. Dean stated he had responded to Mr. Sparrows concerns by phone informing him the road will continue to be maintained as there are other residents living beyond his residence on the dirt road.

Linda Cooper spoke to the Board requesting a system be installed in the meeting room to amplify the sound of those speaking in order to be heard at the back of the room. Ali Tretheway addressed her concerns stating a microphone system is schedule to be installed later in the week and will be ready for the next Board meeting.

## **LEVY COUNTY COMMISSIONER – MATT BROOKS**

- A. Ratify Emergency Order 2020-060 adopted May 26, 2020 rescinding Emergency Order 2020-027, which had closed Blue Springs Park and Henry Beck Park.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to ratify Emergency Order 2020-060 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Adopt Emergency Order 2020-064 amending Emergency Order 2020-059 to allow for organized youth activities.

Atty. Brown stated the additions to be added to Emergency Order 2020-064 would allow fraternal organizations, social clubs and country clubs to re-open and explained the conditions/restrictions for re-opening.

Dana Sheffield inquired if this addition would include allowing car club outdoor gatherings and activities. Comm. Joyner and Atty. Brown responded allowing these gatherings would also be included in the Emergency Order.

Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Emergency Order 2020-064 with amendments as stated by Atty. Brown. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **BUILDING & ZONING**

Ben Maxson, Development Director

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Requesting Board approval of Ordinance 2020-001 for Edward J. Rick and Kelly A. Higgs-Rick. This Ordinance is requesting rezoning 9.6 acres more or less located in Section 1, Township 13 South, Range 18 East, Levy County, Florida from Forestry/Rural Residential (FRR) to Single Family Residential (RR).

Atty. Brown conducted swearing in of audience members wishing to speak regarding Ordinance 2020-001. Atty. Brown asked if the Commissioners had any ex-parte communication regarding Ordinance 2020-01. There were none.

Comm. Brooks asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak for or against the Ordinance as presented. There were none.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-001 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS**

Tammy Jones

- A. Requesting Board approval to change the polling place in Cedar Key (Precinct 4) from Cedar Key City Hall to the Cedar Key Community Center. Mrs. Jones stated due to COVID-19, a larger room is needed.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the polling location in Cedar Key (Precinct 4) from Cedar Key City Hall to the Cedar Key Community Center as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval and signing of the Lease Agreement between Usher Family Trust and Levy County. This parcel of land is used for Precinct 5 (AKA Willow Sink polling place).

Comm. Rooks made a motion to approve with the Chairman's signature the Lease Agreement as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEWBERRY ENGINEERS, INC.**

Bill Menadier, PE, Sr. Project Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval of Amendment #1, FWC Agreement 17332 for the Bird Creek Boat Ramp. This amendment extends the Agreement period through June 30, 2021 to allow for project close-out and complete reimbursement. All construction activities need to be complete by June 30, 2020. Other amendments are outlined in items 2 through 5 of the FWC Contract 17332 A-1 document provided.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Amendment #1, FWC Agreement 17332 for the Bird Creek Boat Ramp as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval of the Site Dedication to dedicate the boat ramp property to the public as a boating access facility for the use and benefit of the general public for a minimum period of twenty (20) years from the date of the dedication. This is required as part of the FWC financial assistance Agreement 17332 and all amendments.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve the Site Dedication as requested for the Bird Creek Boat Ramp as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **TRANSIT**

Connie Conley, Director

Requesting Board approval for Resolution 2020-058 amending the final budget for FY 2019-2020. This amendment is for the new Trip & Equipment grant funding in the amount of \$459,821 to begin July 1, 2020.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-058 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

### **SHIP**

Marlon Gayle, Housing Planner

- A. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-062, Technical Revision to Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) 2016-2019.
- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-063, Technical Revision to Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) 2019-022.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-062 and Resolution 2020-063 as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Casey Duquette, Administrative Field Manager

- A. Requesting Board approval to purchase a new Chip Key Reader for the fuel pumps at the Levy County Road Department. Mr. Duquette requested the Board waive the bid process and allow the purchase to be made through Lube Specialist in Lake City, Florida as this new system is compatible with the existing software (vehicle tracker) which will eliminate the need to purchase new software. The quoted price is \$21,754.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to waive the bid process and approve the purchase of a new Chip Key Reader from Lube Specialist as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

- B. Requesting Board approval to purchase a fuel dispenser for the fuel pumps at the Levy County Road Department. The two quotes received were:

J & J Equipment, Inc.	\$20,006.75
Quality Petroleum	\$22,382.30

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the purchase of a fuel dispenser for the fuel pumps at the Road Department from J & J Equipment as requested. Second was made by Comm. Rooks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

John MacDonald, Director

- A. Request BOCC Chairman signature on 2020-21 EMPA Grant.
- B. Request BOCC Chairman signature on 2020-21 EMPG Grant.
- C. Request BOCC Chairman signature on 2020-21 EMPG-S COVID-19 Supplemental Grant.
- D. Request Board ratification of Emergency Declarations 2020-053 and 2020-056.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the 2020-21 EMPA Grant, the 2020-21 EMPG Grant, the 2020-21 EMPS-S COVID-19 Supplemental Grant with the Chairman's signature and approval of Emergency Declarations 2020-053 and 2020-056 as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

Alicia Tretheway, Coordinator

- A. Requesting the Board to review to review the recommendation of the top two proposers as recommended by the Disaster Related Recovery Services Professional Services Committee for the determination of the final award, and authorize the negotiation of an agreement with the successful proposer. The two proposals received were AC Disaster Consulting and Tidal Basin. The highest scoring proposer was AC Disaster Consulting.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to select AC Disaster Consulting and authorize the negotiation of an agreement. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Terry Witt spoke regarding this item.

- B. Requesting Board approval of Resolution 2020-061; amending the final budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. This budget amendment in the amount of \$75,000 is necessary for the continued renovation of the Levy County Annex Building.

Comm. Rock Meeks made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-061 as requested. Second was made by Comm. John Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

Audience member Terry Witt spoke regarding this item.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Anne Bast Brown,

Requesting Board approval of the Consent Order with the Department of Environmental Protection regarding Levy County Jail WWTF-OGC File No. 19-1796.

Comm. John Meeks made a motion to approve the Consent Order with the Department of Environmental Protection as presented. Second was made by Comm. Rock Meeks and the MOTION CARRIES.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Dean stated he had spoken to Matt Brooks and gave a report to the Board of the opening of the county parks over the weekend and reminded everyone the Tire Amnesty Day at the Landfill will be on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Terry Witt inquired of the opening of the new Dog Kennel. Comm. Rooks responded the opening date is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sheriff McCallum informed the Board he had been made aware of a peaceful protest scheduled to take place in Bronson tomorrow evening, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. There is also a march scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. in Williston and a planned protest at 6:00 P.M. in Chiefland at Buie Park.

## COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

**Comm. John Meeks** reported today is day 67 of Levy County still not receiving any CARES Act funds from the State. Comm. John Meeks offered information to the other Commissioners of opportunities to serve on Committees or Boards which can have input for Legislative issues. Comm. John Meeks stated a flyer had been sent to the Commissioners regarding the upcoming 4-H banquet and sponsorship opportunities. Comm. John Meeks stated March 3<sup>rd</sup> marked the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Levy County being formed and recognition would be done at the next meeting.

**Comm. Rock Meeks** announced there would be a Zoom meeting of the Northern Turnpike tomorrow beginning at 2:00 P.M. Comm. Rock Meeks inquired of Mr. Dean the possibility of harvesting the timber surrounding the Landfill property.

Mr. Dean responded he had been looking into this stating the pines had been planted about 20 years ago and would be mature enough for harvesting.

The Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Dean seek someone who could advise the county of what could be done for harvesting this timber.

**Comm. Brooks** stated he will be attending a Tourist Development Council meeting on Thursday and a webinar of the Suncoast Connector on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Comm. Brooks reported the Manatee Satellite waste collection site is now open.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION, THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:41 A.M.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FL

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Clerk of Court, Danny J. Shipp

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Chairman, Matt Brooks